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Advance polls busy, as B.C. ready for vote

ELECTION More people voted in advance in this provincial election than in British Columbia's last three general elections.

By Friday, 216,100 of the province's nearly 3 million registered voters had visited advance polling stations set up across B.C. Early voting started on Wednesday.

Turnout from Saturday's advance polling stations wasn't available by press time yesterday.

Polling stations tomorrow will be open across B.C. from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Eligible voters must have Canadian citizenship, must have been a resident of B.C. for at least six months and must be a resident of the electoral district.

Voters are asked to bring one government-issued ID with their name, photograph and address, or two documents that contain their name, one of which also displays their address.

For more information visit Elections B.C. at elections.bc.ca.

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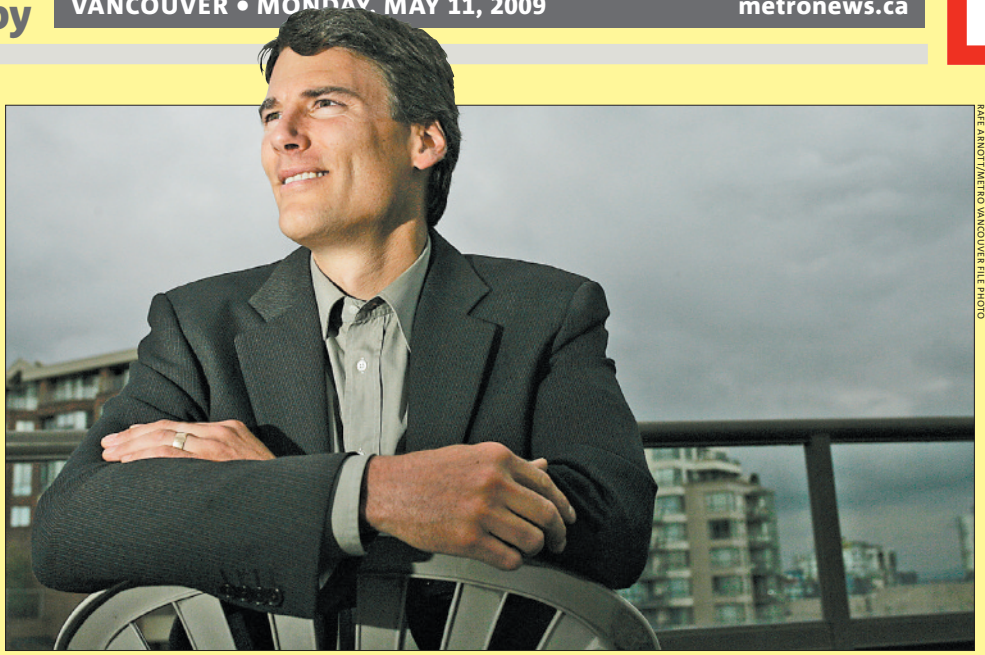

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Mayor Gregor Robertson said he hopes encouraging rental housing construction will help Vancouver weather the world's recession.

Vancouver well-planned, ready for growth: Mayor

Green jobs, rental housing, workforce talent highlights for city

Sunny Side

Vancouver is working to create "green collar" jobs and spark a rental housing construction boom to spur economic growth amidst worrying economic climes, Mayor Gregor Robertson said yesterday.

Among its recession-busting initiatives, the city is working on accessing federal and provincial stimulus monies to retrofit homes and buildings.

"This will save energy, reduce pollution and create new green collar jobs to maximize efficiency across our city," Robertson said.

The city, he added, also hopes to encourage a rental housing construction boom. It will soon be releasing a package of "aggressive" incentives to make its construction an attractive option for developers.

Robertson, who became mayor in December, said the 2010 Games will showcase the city to the world, giving it a big tourism boost that will encourage investment for the long term.

"Our beaches and mountains are legendary," Robertson said. "I love riding around town on my bike, checking out parks and neighbourhoods."

The city, he added, has done a great job in its planning. It has great neighbourhoods that allow people to live, work and play in the same area. It has a talented and diverse workforce and the most small businesses per capita in Canada.

However, he added, Vancouver needs more affordable housing and urgently needs to end street homelessness.

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Mayors countrywide talk up their cities

- "(The people) are our greatest strength ... our people above anything else is what makes us." MAYOR PETER KELLY, HALIFAX
- "There's so much to discover that you need to come back again and again..." MICHEL BELLEMARE, ACTING MAYOR OF OTTAWA
- "We have a great image internationally because of our mutual respect for differences, our environmental sensibilities, our great banking system and things like our public library, which is the best in the world." MAYOR DAVID MILLER, TORONTO
- "Without a doubt, the people of Calgary make this city great." MAYOR DAVID BRONCONNIER, CALGARY
- "We rivalled the growth in China within the last few years and we will continue to do that when things settle down a bit (with the markets)." MAYOR STEPHEN MANDEL, EDMONTON

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SunnySide

It's not all bad out there

Metro launches The SunnySide today, which will help you find the good news around Vancouver and Canada.

Today

- **Anne Hines and her HineSight column, pg 10**
- **Derek Moscato InTransit, pg 10**

Tomorrow

- **Lawrence Martin's National Report**

Letter from the editor

Dianne Rinehart
Metro Editor-in-Chief

Dear readers,

Just when you think things can't get worse — we're here to tell you it's not so bad, after all.

Today, Metro launches The SunnySide of Vancouver, a celebration of how great it still is in Canada — despite the recession.

Over the next while we'll interview your political, business and community leaders about the good news in Vancouver — and exchange their best recession-busting ideas with our 1.1 million readers and leaders across the country.

As well, our columnists, bloggers and reporters will buzz with ideas on how we can work together to conquer this recession — or at least laugh about it.

But most importantly, this is a Call to Action to you to send us:

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So get writing, emailing, commenting and tweeting your way out of the recession at vancouverletters @metronews.ca, metronews.ca or on Twitter @metrovancouver.

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Premier Campbell and the BC Liberals

Kamloops ginseng farm closing
A farm in the Okanagan that used to call itself the world's largest producer of ginseng is closing down due to low-cost competition from China. At its peak, Chai-Na-Ta Farms Ltd. in Kamloops employed more than 200 people and farmed over 480 hectares of ginseng. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Local

Canuck fans panned for littering

Vancouver fans are being criticized for littering the ice with trash after Chicago scored an empty-net goal in the third period of Saturday night's playoff game. The Canucks lost 4-2 to the Blackhawks.

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KELSEA BLOXAM/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

The NDP's Carole James with her daughter Alyson James-Lomax.

James touts economic plan

KELSEA BLOXAM
for Metro Vancouver

ELECTION NDP Leader Carole James defended her party's economic plan to ethnic voters in Vancouver yesterday after the Liberals pointed out the NDP platform fails to mention trade with China, India and Korea.

James was accompanied by her daughter, Alyson James-Lomax, who spent most of Mother's Day watching her mom campaign for the province's top job.

A crowd of about 40 supporters followed James as she walked into various businesses along Main Street near 50th Avenue.

"The first piece is to make sure the public really knows what kind of (economic) condition British Columbia is really in," said James.

She used Olympic spending as an example and said cost overruns keep piling up. She promised to launch an economic stimulus plan if elected.

James, who was given a gift of incense from the owner of Mother India, a store that sells pashminas and jewelry, said she would also support small business owners.

"We know you help create the jobs in this province, so we want to make sure we're supporting you as well," James said.

Car theft suspect to appear in court

CRIME A woman who was one of the Top 10 most-wanted car thief suspects in British Columbia — and who was shot by police in Chilliwack after allegedly trying to run over officers to avoid arrest — is expected to make her first appearance in court today.

Cassandra Lee Rowell, 28, spent the weekend in hospital under armed guard after surgery for gunshot wounds.

She was shot outside a strip mall on Friday when police said she rammed into two cruisers aboard a truck that went missing from Edmonton International Airport on May 3.

Rowell was wanted on several outstanding warrants, including nine cases of possession of stolen property. KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Dispute threatens market

Event organizer sued for alleged copyright infringement

DEREK MOSCATO
for Metro Vancouver

The launch of the popular Summer Night Market in Richmond this Thursday is being overshadowed by a court battle slated to begin tomorrow that may shut it down.

Lions Communications, organizer of the market, and its president, Paul Cheung, are being sued in federal court by Target Event Production for alleged copyright infringement.

Target operated the original Richmond Night Market from 2000 to 2007.

According to Target's president, Raymond Cheung, who is not related to Paul Cheung, allegations include "using the name Richmond Night Market, Summer Night Market and variations of them in English and Chinese."

"We are seeking damages, but also an injunction for their event," Raymond Cheung said in an interview with Metro. "In the past year, a lot of people are confused. They think it is the Richmond Night Market, which is incorrect."

Raymond Cheung added that he plans to relaunch his Night Market at a location in Richmond this July.

Target Event was forced to close the successful market in 2007 after being unable to renew a lease for the site, located near the Fraser River at 12631 Vulcan Way.

The site is now leased by Lions Communications, which counts area businessmen James Ho and Alvin Au among its shareholders.

Raymond Cheung recently received trademark certification, dated April 24, for the name Richmond Night Market.

"It took us one year to get this registration but it has finally been established that Target Event is the creator and the sole owner of Richmond Night Market," Raymond Cheung said in a statement.

The original Night Market

- The original Night Market became a major entertainment destination, attracting up to 30,000 visitors on many nights, and was the subject of glowing writeups in U.S. media outlets such as the Boston Globe and the Seattle Times.

MINÉ SALKIN/METRO VANCOUVER

Premier Gordon Campbell has lunch with his wife, Nancy, on Mother's Day at Cardero's Restaurant in Coal Harbour. Their in-laws, sons and infant grandsons, Bowen and Jimmy, accompanied them.

Campbell makes the most of Mother's Day

ELECTION B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell took a "break" from campaigning by having a Mother's Day lunch with his wife, Nancy, at Cardero's Restaurant in Coal Harbour — and the media were invited along to take photos.

But with the looming provincial election, Campbell started yesterday off at the Golden Swan Restaurant in the Vancouver-Kensington riding, which elected an NDP candidate in 2005. He handed out carnations to mothers eating dim sum with their families and talked about the importance of building relations with China.

At noon, he joined his wife, their two sons and in-laws for lunch.

Campbell then travelled south to Surrey and visited the Punjabi Bazaar.

On Facebook, he updated his status to say: "Incredible how rich our culture is in B.C." MINÉ SALKIN/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

COSTS The Falun Gong has been ordered to pay Vancouver's legal costs after it lost a court injunction and was ordered to remove its protest booth outside the Chinese Consulate on Granville Street.

BIKING The Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition is urging people to leave their cars at home today for the start of bike-to-work week. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Immigration Guidy Mamann finds that sponsorship for mothers is much faster in 2009 at **metronews.ca/immigration**

Lotteries

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Saturday, May 9
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Ferry passengers marooned on Queen Charlotte Islands
Ferry passengers have been stranded in the Queen Charlotte Islands since Thursday when the Northern Adventure was forced out of service due to mechanical problems. Service to and from Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlottes is expected to resume tomorrow. METRO VANCOUVER

Police seeking vandals after rail cars tagged

VANDALISM Transit police are looking for a graffiti tagger who painted large murals on a Canada Line and West Coast Express trains.

On April 27, the tagger or taggers broke into a rail yard and painted 'Tease" on a West Coast Express car. Nine days later, a Canada Line train, parked inside a tunnel at King Edward Station, was tagged with "Tease" and "Cheeto."

Transit police said the tag 'Tease' is also linked to vandalism in Toronto.

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World-renowned cellist performing at UBC tomorrow

MUSIC Grammy Award-winning cellist and composer Yo-Yo Ma is performing at the Chan Centre For Performing Arts at UBC tomorrow night.

The French-born, Chinese-American musician performed for then-U.S. president John F. Kennedy when he was seven.

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Think you can dance in 2010?

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Around 100 people brought their best dance moves to St. Patrick's Secondary School in Vancouver yesterday for the first of many high-energy auditions for the 2010 opening and closing ceremonies.

The crowd of hopeful volunteers was as diverse as Vancouver itself, with applicants ranging in age from teens to seniors and possessing all levels of performance experience.

5,500 The number of applicants so far hoping to take part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

Ayesha Dhillon, 18, who has been studying musical theatre since she was four, said she applied to be part of the Ceremonies because she wants to be involved with the Vancouver Olympics.

"This was really basic steps, but really fun. Like an aerobics class," said Dhillon.

"A big reason why I wanted to do this was to meet more people. Everyone was so high-energy. Everyone was super cool, all different ages, all different ethnicities."

Elizabeth Ewen, who has no dance or acting training, said even the audition experience will be a "memory that will last a lifetime."

"It was a lot of fun. They said they were looking for different kinds of things and not to get too stressed if the dance moves weren't quite right," Ewen said.

David Guscott, executive vice-president for celebrations and partnerships with VANOC, said that auditions will be held every weekend until mid-June and that applications are still be accepted.

He added the ceremonies are still in need of more athletic males.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Dancers audition for a chance to volunteer at the 2010 opening and closing ceremonies at St. Patrick's Secondary School in Vancouver yesterday.

Man in red truck sought in assaults of sex-trade workers

CRIME Two sex-trade workers in Surrey have reported to police that they were sexually assaulted by a man driving a red truck.

The first attack, on May 2, left a female sex-trade worker beaten and sexually assaulted, according to RCMP Sgt. Roger Morrow.

The suspect was described as between 40 and 60 years of age, with white hair, about six feet tall and driving a red Toyota truck, Morrow said.

A second worker said she was also assaulted by a man fitting that description driving a red truck three days later.

KELSEA BLOXAM/
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News in brief

DEATH Associate Chief Judge James Threlfall will serve as acting head of the Provincial Court after Chief Justice Hugh Stansfield succumbed to cancer on Thursday after a six-year battle. Stansfield, 57, is survived by his wife and four sons. He launched Vancouver's Downtown Community Court.

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Feds appeal push to release Khadr

The federal government said Friday it would appeal a court order that it press Washington to release Omar Khadr, a Canadian held in the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. REUTERS

Canada

Hundreds of hogs culled: Vet

Alberta's chief veterinarian says just under 500 hogs have been culled on the pig farm where influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, was detected, but not because the animals were sick. The decision to cull the herd was to ease overcrowding, Dr. Gerald Hauer added Saturday. "This doesn't have anything to do with the flu," Hauer told a news conference. "It has to do ... with animal welfare." CBC NEWS ONLINE

Halifax **An evening with Krall**

RYAN TAPLIN / FOR METRO CANADA

Canadian jazz musician and Nanaimo native Diana Krall performs with members of Symphony Nova Scotia at Halifax's Metro Centre last night. The Grammy Award winner was in that city as part of her Quiet Nights world tour. She hits Vancouver this Wednesday for a concert at the Orpheum Theatre.

B.C. to decide on vote reform

Potential usage of single transferable system at issue

Revving up voters on the issue of electoral reform has come down to which side has the best hockey analogy in a province more focused on the Stanley Cup than STV.

The no side says voting for the Single Transferable Vote system is akin to the Canucks winning four games in the best-of-seven round but losing out to the Chicago Blackhawks because they scored more goals.

The yes side, not to be outdone, has their own version. Voting against STV on May 12 would be like letting the Blackhawks win the game just because they scored a goal in each of the first two periods and by ignoring the three goals scored by the Canucks in the third period.

For a second election in a row, B.C. voters will decide whether to keep the current system or vote on STV, the electoral reform that divvies up the vote. Voters will once again have two choices on their ballot in the provincial election tomorrow.

They'll be asked to check which system is better: The first-past-the-post current process or STV-B.C., in which voters allocate their vote to a most preferred candidate.

STV has been condemned by critics as unwieldy and complicated and praised by supporters as an equitable distribution of votes. The choice was on the ballot in the 2005 B.C. provincial election and STV narrowly lost, missing the required 60 per cent threshold, although a clear majority of voters at 58 per cent wanted a change.

Ontario voters in 2007 rejected its own electoral reform referendum during its last provincial election, nixing the mixed-member system where voters get two choices on their ballots that allow them to vote for a local representative and a party.

Under STV, B.C. voters allocate their vote to a most preferred candidate. They then rank the candidates in order of preference, and after the first choice wins or is eliminated, the vote is transferred to the second choice, and so on.

"We've seen a very strong appetite for electoral reform," said Shoni Field, who was one of the 160 randomly chosen volunteers on the B.C. citizens' assembly that proposed the new system in 2004.

The original 11-month commitment, when she had a six-month-old baby, has turned into a dedicated campaign for Field to inform and educate voters about the process. "My son is now six and knows a lot about electoral reform. It's not that the current system is broken, but it's flawed and we can do something about it."

But Rick Dignard, also a former member of the citizens' assembly and active on the no side, said the STV system is overly confusing. "It's actually going to turn people off voting," said Dignard.

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Last election

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Toronto **Couples urge fertility funding**

VINCE TALOTTA / TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jan Silverman speaks to a crowd at Ontario's legislature in Toronto about in vitro funding yesterday. About 300 couples who can't conceive children gathered outside Toronto's City Hall yesterday before pushing empty baby strollers along to the legislature, where they demanded the government resume funding for fertility treatment, which was dropped in 1994.

Ex-PM to take stand

INQUIRY Former prime minister Brian Mulroney takes the stand this week to testify about his dealings with arms lobbyist Karlheinz Schreiber as a new poll reveals that many Canadians consider the inquiry a waste of time and money.

Mulroney spent the weekend with advisers in Montreal and Ottawa in final preparation for his appearance on the witness stand tomorrow.

"Thousands of pages of documentation are getting reviewed, dozens of hours of review and interrogation and consideration of different approaches," said Robin Sears, a spokesperson for Mulroney.

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Babies being sent home: Study

IMMIGRANTS They are highly educated professionals who come to Canada with a dream to build a better future for their children, but that immigrant dream may come with a catch.

New parents Helen Song, Vivian Jia and Crystal Tian — all recent immigrants from mainland China — are faced with one of the toughest decisions of their lives: Should they send their babies back to China for the care of the grandparents, so they can restart stalled careers and rebuild a new life?

According to a new Canadian study to be published in today's Infant Mental Health Journal, an increasing number of immigrants to Canada and the U.S. are shipping infants to their home country to be raised by extended families.

The phenomenon of "satellite babies" is also common in Vancouver, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and is widespread across different cultures, said York University psychology professor Yvonne Bohr. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa man falls to death

DEATH Authorities in Ottawa believe a man was trying to clean the outside of his fourth-floor apartment windows when he fell to his death.

Fellow residents watched as the man's body, covered in yellow plastic, lay face down on the paved sidewalk on Saturday, with a bent sponge mop at his side. It's believed he was leaning over his balcony to clean a window when he fell to his death. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene of the 12-storey apartment building.

He is believed to be in his late 30s, but his name will not be released until his parents are notified.

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Intruders shoot up party

SHOOTING Was a shootout at a Toronto party early yesterday retribution for recent killings?

That's the question police and residents are asking after three intruders shot up a birthday party, sending six people to hospital.

Three victims — one shot in the face, another in the neck — were reported in critical condition. It was not clear whether all would survive their wounds. One woman said she heard what she thought was a car backfire, then about 25 shots in rapid succession, as if they'd come from an automatic weapon. She ran out of her townhouse to see a wounded teen trying to climb her fence. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Texting blamed for crash

An underground crash of commuter trolleys in Boston was caused by one driver text messaging, transit officials said. One trolley slammed into the back of another Friday, injuring 49 people. METRO NEWS SERVICES

World

Obama as comedian-in-chief

U.S. President Barack Obama played the role of comedian Saturday at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner, ticking off a series of goals he hoped to achieve. In the next 100 days of his adminstration, he said he expected to house-train his new dog, Bo. "The last thing (Treasury Secretary) Tim Geithner needs is someone else treating him like a fire hydrant," Obama said. REUTERS

Dozens killed in Somali clashes

INSURGENCY Clashes between rival Islamist groups have killed at least 65 people and wounded more than 190 others in three days of battles in Somalia's capital Mogadishu, witnesses and hospital sources said yesterday. The African nation's interim government is struggling with a powerful insurgency in one of the world's most dangerous countries. Hundreds of Islamists loyal to the government and opposition al Shabaab militiamen fought with heavy machine guns and mortars in northern Mogadishu over the weekend. At least 15 other people were killed when a mortar struck a local mosque, witnesses said. REUTERS

Sri Lanka, Tamils trade blame

CIVIL WAR The cornered Tamil Tigers yesterday accused Sri Lanka of killing hundreds in an artillery barrage, which the military said the guerrillas had fired off themselves to win sympathy for a truce to stave off defeat. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam increasingly have urged external intervention to aid civilians — whom the United Nations say they are holding as a human shield. A pro-rebel website said at least 257 bodies had been found and 814 people were wounded after an artillery barrage that began overnight and ended early yesterday, quoting medical sources it did not identify. REUTERS

Christians can help process: Pope

MIDDLE EAST Pope Benedict yesterday visited the site on the Jordan River where Jesus is believed to have been baptized and urged Christians in the Middle East to play a role in seeking peace. Jordan's King Abdullah and Queen Rania met the pontiff and showed him around the archeological site. "In the Middle East, marked by ... years of violence and unresolved tensions, Christians are called to offer their contribution ... of reconciliation and peace through forgiveness and generosity," he said. REUTERS

U.S. won't halt Afghan air strikes

The United States said yesterday it would not halt air strikes in Afghanistan as demanded by President Hamid Karzai after civilian deaths.

The U.S. military acknowledged on Saturday that the air strikes in western Afghanistan last week that struck crowded homes in two villages in Farah province had killed civilians. Karzai put the death toll at up to 130 people.

If confirmed, it would be the biggest such case of western forces killing civilians since they invaded in 2001.

Chanting "Death to America," hundreds of Kabul university students marched in protest against the killings.

"We're going to take a look at trying to make sure that we correct those things we can correct, but certainly to tie the hands of our commanders and say we're not going to conduct air strikes, it would be imprudent," White House National Security Advisor James Jones said.

He also said the United States would "redouble our efforts to make sure that innocent civilians are not killed."

The Taliban were "using civilians as shields," he said.

"So we have to take a look at this, make sure that our commanders understand, you know, the subtleties of the situation, the complexity of it, and do the right thing."

Suicide bombers on motorbikes killed at least seven people yesterday when they attacked a police convoy in Afghanistan's southern province of Helmand. REUTERS

MOHSIN RAZA/REUTERS

Women march against the Taliban in Pakistan yesterday.

No phosphorus

- The U.S. military denied yesterday it had used the incendiary chemical white phosphorus in a battle that killed civilians in Afghanistan last week, after a rights group said it was investigating suspicious burns on victims. U.S. military spokesman Col. Greg Julian said American forces used no white phosphorus in the incident. "There was no smoke or illum (illumination) used in Farah," he said. "I can't say whether the insurgents used it, but we certainly didn't." REUTERS

Russia **Pipeline explodes**

DENIS SINYAKOV/REUTERS

Flames are seen on a Moscow street. A gas pipeline exploded early yesterday, sending flames 100 metres into the air and setting buildings and cars ablaze.

15,000 California wildfire evacuees allowed home

FIRE Some 15,000 people — more than half of those evacuated from an area near Santa Barbara, Calif., — were allowed back home Saturday as firefighters made progress against a wildfire that has raged for five days.

Of the 30,500 people originally forced to leave, about 14,735 remained under mandatory evacuation as of Saturday afternoon, said Harry Hagen, a spokesman for Santa Barbara County's emergency operations centre.

The fire has destroyed 80 homes and blackened more than 8,600 acres in the foothills above the picturesque seaside city.

"The humidity's up and they (firefighters) can really take advantage of the marine layer today. The winds didn't pick up last night as significantly as had been predicted," Hagen said.

About 4,222 firefighting personnel were on scene, using nearly 500 fire engines, 11 air tankers and 13 helicopters. No civilian casualties have been reported so far, but the blaze has injured 13 firefighters, with at least three of them hospitalized for burns and smoke inhalation. REUTERS

4,222

Firefighting personnel on the scene of the wildfire in California.

Flu **Outbreak:** WHO says more than 4,000 infected in 29 countries

- Influenza A (H1NI), also known as swine flu, has infected 4,379 people in 29 countries, the World Health Organization said, increasing its count by almost a thousand in a day. The WHO tally tends to lag behind national reports but is considered definitive.

- The swine flu killed its first patient in Canada, making it the third country after Mexico and the United States to report a death from the virus. The patient's death was reported Thursday but confirmed over the weekend. The chief medical officer in Alberta said that the woman in her 30s who died on April 28 had not travelled to Mexico, the epicentre of the swine flu outbreak, which suggests a more sustained spread.

- Mainland China has reported its first suspected case of swine flu, a Chinese man in Sichuan province who had returned from studying in the United States, the Health Ministry said yesterday. The 30-year-old man was being treated in a hospital in provincial capital Chengdu and has been placed in quarantine, the ministry said in a statement.

- The number of Mexicans confirmed killed by the new flu virus rose by three to 48, Mexico's Health Ministry said Saturday, as life returned to normal in Mexico City where businesses have reopened after being closed for days.

- Swine flu popped up in Australia and has been confirmed in more than 2,000 Americans, but health officials said Saturday the true number of cases was underestimated. REUTERS

- Officials in Japan scrambled Saturday to track travellers who arrived on the same flight as three people were diagnosed with the country's first confirmed cases of swine flu after returning from Canada. CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

PIRACY Somali pirates said yesterday they had received a $2-million US ransom for the release of a British-owned vessel and its 16 Bulgarian crew members. The 32,000-tonne bulker, Malaspina Castle, was released Saturday after being captured more than a month ago.

CRIME Italian police have arrested the head of a Calabrian mafia clan who is on a list of Italy's 30 most dangerous criminals, police said yesterday. Salvatore Coluccio is suspected of being a boss from the 'Ndrangheta — which has become Italy's most powerful crime syndicate. REUTERS

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THE BC Liberal government first appointed an Industrial Inquiry Commission into the TV and film industry at the request of employers – **that report threatened unilateral government intervention if changes were not made** to our contract.

Negotiating with both government and employer swords over Teamsters members' heads – and trying to preserve jobs and the industry – **our union reluctantly agreed** to binding arbitration.

That arbitration cost our members their job security in the industry – and now **many of the most experienced film production crew members cannot get the work they need** – in some cases they cannot work at all.

As noted film and television producer James Shavick has said about the film industry: "…we owe a debt of gratitude to the Teamster local, because they were pioneers. They went out and bought millions and millions of dollars worth of equipment. And to set them up, so the guys with seniority can't work – it's a bit of a problem."

We believe government's role should be to assist both sides in **resolving differences and finding cooperation** to benefit the entire industry, not picking sides.

Teamsters Local 155 urges all working people – union and non-union – to be very careful when voting in the May 12 provincial election – **don't elect a government that only stands up for employers, not workers.**

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Reasons to love Canada

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When asked to share what I love about Canada, I have to admit my first response was, "Well … all my stuff is here." Followed by, "People don't laugh at me for ending every sentence with, 'eh.' … at least not often."

However, having mulled over the question, I realize there are many excellent reasons to love both Canadians and Canada. Here are my top four.

1.) **Optimism**. Three hundred years ago, our country's founders arrived in this place, confronted a landscape consisting of trees, trees, trees, blackflies, rocks, poison ivy and frozen stuff and said, "Let's settle here. How bad can it be?"

This, while their fellow settlers were choosing Florida.

It's our indomitable optimism that leads Canadians to participate in such determinedly hopeful activities as putting away our snow shovels in April. And, it's this same unconquerable confidence that lets us head into the voting booths every few years saying, "Let's elect another conservative government. How bad can it be?"

2.) **Polite behaviour**. A New York City cashier once asked if I was Canadian.

"You've thanked me three times," she said, "And I haven't even given you your change yet."

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If there's one thing that makes a true Canadian want to spit, it's people who can't behave politely.

My mother threatens to call the parents of telemarketers who bother her at dinnertime.

Likewise, Canadians are shocked and appalled at the brawling and fighting that takes places among sports fans in other countries.

We keep that kind of behaviour where it belongs — in the morning lineup at Tim Hortons.

3.) **Health care**. A few years back, I attended an international conference on women's health. When the subject of MRIs came up, I complained to the woman beside me that where I live it might take up to eight months to get scanned. I asked how long she'd have to wait in her country. She sighed. "The rest of my life."

Granted, our health-care system may be frustrating, inefficient and expensive, but health care in Canada has one thing going for it: You can get it.

4.) **Same-sex marriage**. An American comic at Yuk Yuk's commented recently how impressed he was that Canada fully embraced same-sex marriage, once it could be proven it would in no way affect professional hockey. For me it sums up what's great about Canadians.

Many are optimistic, most are polite. And, the rest are popping their government-subsidized meds saying, "Well … how bad can it be?"

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Views

Transit authority's work far from done

InTransit

Derek Moscato

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In case you haven't heard, Bike to Work Week starts today.

The annual cycling event aims to get more working stiffs out of their carbon-emitting cars and SUVs, and onto eco-friendlier 12-speeds and cruisers instead.

I'll admit it.

I've drunk the cycling lobby's Kool-Aid.

This spring, I'm captaining a Bike to Work team at my office.

And why not? I could use the exercise and the fresh air. Besides, cycling as a viable form of commuting has come a long way in the Lower Mainland.

Yes, cyclists still have to contend with rampant bike theft, and many routes could be a whole lot safer.

But beyond these points, cycling is an enjoyable, economical and environmentally sensible mode of transport in Metro Vancouver.

One of the chief reasons for this is how well it integrates with our bike-friendly public transit system.

TransLink already allows riders to take their bikes onto SkyTrain, SeaBus, West Coast Express, as well as buses.

What's more, there will also be room for bikes on the soon-to-be completed Canada Line.

The beauty of combining pedalling with mass transit is that it opens up the biking experience to folks from across the region, and not just the inner city.

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The arrangement isn't perfect, mind you — especially during busy travel times when space becomes an issue on SkyTrain cars or the SeaBus ferries.

And on some popular bus routes, the bike racks are often full — making it difficult for cyclists to schedule their transit journey when they're unable to board a vehicle.

But for the most part, the system works well — and holds up as a model of integration for other cities in North America.

One of TransLink's impressive regional projects — one that will again benefit cyclists who combine riding with transit — is the planning of the Central Valley Greenway.

Slated to open at the end of June, the 25-kilometre cycling path will link downtown Vancouver to dense urban neighbourhoods in Burnaby and New Westminster, and will link up to 11 SkyTrain stations and more than 23 bus routes.

Our transit authority's work is far from finished, mind you.

It is currently working on a Regional Cycling Strategy that will influence where and how cycling investment is directed in the coming decade.

Given that so-called mode share for bicycles compared to other forms of commuting is surprisingly mediocre across Metro Vancouver, their decisions should not be made lightly.

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Worth Mentioning

Obama more popular than U.S. with Arab nations: Poll

U.S. President Barack Obama's popularity in Arab countries far outstrips that of the United States, suggesting he could be able to boost goodwill in the region toward his country, a survey showed yesterday.

Obama, set to give a major speech to the Muslim world in Egypt next month, "currently enjoys widespread optimism among citizens of that region that he will have a positive effect on their own country, the Middle East, the United States and indeed the world," the polling outfit Ipsos said.

Ipsos said its poll, conducted in March, involved 7,000 adults in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan.

Of those surveyed, 33 per cent had a favourable view of the United States, 43 per cent had a negative view, 14 per cent were neutral and 10 per cent said they did not know, Ipsos said.

In contrast, Obama received favourable ratings averaging 48 per cent in the region as a whole. Approval ran as high as 58 per cent in Jordan and was lowest among Egyptians, who gave Obama favourable ratings of 35 per cent, Ipsos said.

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Business

GAZ asked to bid for Opel: Media

Canadian auto-parts maker Magna has asked Russia's GAZ to make a bid for a stake in General Motors' German carmaking unit, Opel, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has said, according to an interview published yesterday. Putin was quoted as saying Russia would not intervene in a possible deal that German media say could be part of a plan to create a car giant producing up to five million vehicles a year. REUTERS

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In brief

AVIATION Air Canada recorded a net loss of $400 million for the first quarter, the airline said Friday, as it faced a sharp drop in coveted business customers amid economic turbulence. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Rise in self-employment numbers stops job losses in April

REPORT An increase in self-employment allowed Canada's economy to get an unexpected break in April from the punishing job losses that have pummelled it since last fall.

The economy created 36,000 net positions last month, leaving the unemployment rate unchanged at eight per cent. The positive job number shocked economists, who had anticipated, on average, a loss of about 50,000 jobs.

But economists warned the jobless report should be taken with a grain of salt. Statistics Canada chalked up the overall gain to an influx of 37,000 people in the self-employed category.

One glimmer of hope was that job losses amounted to only 1,100 positions. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

KNOW WHAT TO DO TO FIGHT THE H1N1 FLU VIRUS
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Pixar studio launching in Vancouver

To accommodate a growing slate of non-feature projects, Disney and Pixar will launch an animation studio in Vancouver in the fall.

The focus will be on Pixar's established characters, including Buzz and Woody from the Toy Story films and Lightning McQueen and Mater from Cars.

"The operation will be small in size and dedicated to producing short-form quality computer animation for theme parks, DVDs, television and theatrical exhibition ... for several different divisions of the Walt Disney Co.," Disney/Pixar president Ed Catmull said.

Pixar general manager Jim Morris said he expects the staff to reach 75 to 100. He added that feature work and all stereoscopic 3-D work will still be done at Pixar's headquarters in California.

Tax incentives, a local talent base and proximity to Pixar contributed to the decision. Pixar will receive incentives offered for animation production and research and development.

"I think (Canada has) a desire to grow this sort of business activity and get a critical mass," Morris said. "This will allow us to do more with the budgets that we have."

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Dollar due for a pullback: Analysts

FORECAST The Canadian dollar looks set for a pullback after its recent charge to a six-month high as investor euphoria over upbeat data meets the hard reality of the global economy's ongoing problems, experts said.

But analysts added the currency's downside is likely to be limited by the recovery in energy prices and the reluctance so far of Canada's central bank to join its global peers in embracing unconventional monetary policy.

A Reuters poll published on May 6 showed Canada's currency is expected to fall to $1.20 to the U.S. dollar, or 83.33 U.S. cents, in one month.

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Dangerous chemicals banned

Nine dangerous chemicals used in farming and industry will be added to a list of banned substances whose presence in the environment causes serious health risks, more than 160 government agreed on Saturday.

The nine pesticides and industrial chemicals join 12 substances targeted for elimination under the 2001 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

Trade in some of the chemicals can amount to billions of dollars a year, but countries at the UN conference agreed they are so dangerous alternatives must be found.

Donald Cooper, executive secretary of the Stockholm Convention, set out why the banned substances were exceptionally dangerous: They cross boundaries and are found everywhere, from the tropics to polar regions; they persist for long periods in the atmosphere, soil and water, and take years to degrade; they accumulate in bodies; they accumulate in food chains.

The conference had been scheduled to wrap up on Friday, but officials wrangled into Saturday over the details.

Cooper said governments at various stages of economic development differed about how fast they should be phased out, especially when there are no alternatives. "This is not an economic disruption, it is rather an investment in public health with perfectly compatible economic opportunities, but we have to give the right incentives," he said. REUTERS

Intel facing big fine from EU

ANTITRUST EU antitrust regulators are expected to say this week that Intel Corp illegally paid computer makers to postpone or cancel the launch of products containing chips made by its main rival, sources familiar with the case said yesterday.

The European Commission is set to decide on Wednesday to fine the world's largest chipmaker and order changes to its business practices for what the EU executive sees as "naked restrictions" to competition, sources said. There was no indication of how big a fine might be levied. REUTERS

Seven more IIHF tourneys coming to Canada

Seven more international hockey tournaments are coming to Canada. In addition to next year's world junior tournament in Regina and Saskatoon and the 2012 event in Calgary and Edmonton, Canada will now host the events in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021. The world women's championship returns in 2013, 2016 and 2020. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Button takes Spanish GP

Formula One leader Jenson Button banked his fourth victory in five races yesterday at the Spanish Grand Prix after overtaking his downcast GP teammate Rubens Barrichello, who finished second and trails Button by 14 points in the championship. Australian Mark Webber was third for Red Bull, tallying his second podium finish of the season. REUTERS

Stenson cruises to TPC title

GOLF Sweden's Henrik Stenson kept his cool in 90-degree heat to win the Players Championship by four shots, as a frustrated Tiger Woods crashed out of contention at the TPC Sawgrass course yesterday.

The Swede carded the only bogey-free round on the final day, a 6-under-par 66 for 12 under overall, to pick up his first strokeplay win on the PGA Tour.

Britain's Ian Poulter shot a 2-under 70 to finish second, four strokes behind Stenson and post his best result on U.S. soil.

World No. 1 Tiger Woods had another frustrating day, slumping to eighth after carding a 1-over-par round. REUTERS

Henrik Stenson

Sports in brief

NBA Shane Battier scored 12 of his playoff career-high 23 points in the first quarter, as the Houston Rockets manhandled the Los Angeles Lakers 99-87 in Game 4 of their now dead-locked Western Conference semifinal series.

SOCCER Manchester United strolled to a 2-0 defeat of Manchester City yesterday to move to the top of the Premier League and closer to a record-equalling 18th title. Liverpool sits in second, three points back. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks on the ropes

Locals must improve play to stave off elimination in Chicago

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For the first time in their second-round series with the Blackhawks, the Canucks find themselves in trouble.

Sure, some people were sounding the alarm bells after a 6-3 loss in Game 2; others voiced their concern after Chicago's come-from-behind overtime win in Game 4.

The significant difference between those two wins and the most recent one for the Hawks is the role of the Canucks in the victories.

In Games 2 and 4, Chicago capitalized on a variety of Vancouver breakdowns; in Game 5, the Blackhawks created their own opportunities as a result of aggressive, physical play. Trailing 2-1 midway through the game, the Hawks made a concerted effort to engage the Canucks in scrums and trash-talking after the whistle.

They challenged Vancouver at every opportunity and eventually it worked; the Canucks took a debatable two-minute penalty that resulted in the tying goal.

The referee's decision to give Kevin Bieksa the extra roughing penalty was questionable, but there's no question that the Hawks goaded Bieksa into reacting.

From there, Chicago continued to press, outscoring the Canucks in the third period for the fourth time this series. The outcome could have been different had Kyle Wellwood's shot bounced in instead of out when it ricocheted off the post halfway through the final frame, but the team that carried the play in final thirty minutes was rewarded with the victory.

Not all is lost, of course. Vancouver has been excellent on the road in the playoffs, and was less than three minutes away from sweeping the Blackhawks in Chicago last week.

But if the Canucks are to force a Game 7 in this series, they must reverse a troubling trend that has seen the Blackhawks get stronger over the past two games while the locals have seen their overall play regress.

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For the first time this post-season the Canucks face elimination, while the Blackhawks have a chance to eliminate a second straight Canadian team in six games. Chicago has lost once at the United Centre in the playoffs, while the Canucks have won all but one of their playoff games on the road.

Late Letdowns: Chicago has dominated the third period in the first five games, outscoring Vancouver by a count of 9-3.

Top Guns Silent: Daniel Sedin and Alex Burrows combined for 59 goals during the regular season, but neither has found the back of the net in five games against the Blackhawks.

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Detroit 4 Anaheim 1

VS

The Detroit Red Wings pulled within a win of eliminating the Anaheim Ducks as they defeated the visitors 4-1 yesterday to take a 3-2 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

Johan Franzen and Jiri Hudler gave the defending champions a 2-0 lead with goals just 39 seconds apart in the second period.

After Ryan Whitney tallied for Anaheim on a power play later in the period, the Red Wings scored twice in the third.

Darren Helm collected Detroit's third goal and Henrik Zetterberg, who had two earlier assists, added an empty-netter in the final minute.

The Red Wings, who outshot the Ducks 38-17, can wrap up the series with a victory in Anaheim tomorrow.

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Anaheim's Ryan Carter tries to keep the puck from Detroit's Marian Hossa yesterday. Detroit won the game 4-1 and now leads the semifinal series 3-2.

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Bruins 4 Hurricanes 0

Phil Kessel scored twice and Tim Thomas recorded his first shutout this post-season, as Boston stayed alive in its Eastern Conference semifinal series with a win over Carolina.

The Hurricanes lead the best-of-seven matchup 3-2, with another chance to close it out at home tomorrow in Game 6.

After being outscored 10-3 in Games 2-4, all losses, the Bruins controlled yesterday's matchup from start to finish and looked more like the top-seeded team that won 53 games and totalled 116 points during the regular season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Don't take a chance with British Columbia's future!

Confused about STV?

On May 12, BC votes in a referendum on a complicated electoral system – STV – the Single Transferable Vote.

STV's giant ridings – each with up to 7 MLAs and 350,000 voters – **would remove local accountability of MLAs.**

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Our 85 ridings would shrink to just 20!

And the complicated **STV system chops votes into fractions** – you may never know where your vote went.

Proponents claim STV makes politics better – like electing more women.

In the only 2 places where STV is used nationally – Ireland and Malta – women are hardly ever elected. Ireland elected just 13% women, Malta 9%. Under BC's current system the number is 23%.

Proponents say STV reduces party influence and increases cooperation – dead wrong.

With giant ridings, candidates will be more dependent on their party to get their message out. And Irish politics are more party controlled, back-room and nasty than almost anywhere.

STV advocates say third parties and independents will have a better chance of being elected. But in Malta under STV there hasn't been a third party elected since the 1960s, or an independent since the 1950s.

Under STV, in Victoria candidates need only 12.5% of the vote to be elected but in Dawson Creek 33% and in Prince George 25%.

That's simply not fair! The farther you are from the Legislature, the more votes it takes to get you there!

All these negative problems are why No STV – people from all political backgrounds – including NDP, Green, BC Liberal, BC Conservative, BC Refederation and non-aligned voters – oppose STV.

And it's why groups as different as the Vancouver Board of Trade and the Canadian Union of Public Employees – BC urge voters to reject STV.

Don't take a chance on British Columbia's future – Vote No to STV.

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Use newspaper as mulch for your garden

Shredded newspaper can be used as mulch during the summer. The newspaper will reduce evaporation and lessen the amount of watering needed by your plants, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Green

Air drying can save money

Did you know that your clothes dryer uses up to 10 per cent of your home's electricity? Hanging clothes to dry makes them last longer and smell better, and it saves you money on your energy bills as well as reducing the fire hazard from this appliance. Balcony-friendly drying racks can be found at many stores. DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION

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Pests be gone — naturally

EarthTones

While watching TV recently we noticed ants are now marching two by two across the floor. The occasional ant or insect doesn't much faze us, it's part of life. Hakuna matata. But we are now entering bug season and we'd like to stop them before they carry off the remote control. Then we'd be in a fix!

The problem is that with a new baby spending tummy time on the floor, we need to be a bit more careful about what we use to control the bugs.

Many of you would also prefer not to use poisons where you can help it. So with bug season underway, we thought it might be a good time for a pest issue.

A common method of control in the house is the ant trap, the idea being that ants find the bait and carry the poison back to the nest, destroying the colony. A bit more targeted than spraying an insecticide, but still a poison you may not want in your house. Plus, it's a bit off-putting when you see an ant trap.

Another route for controlling ants is disrupting their trails. As ants forage, they leave a scent trail that others from the colony can follow to good food sources, like your corn flakes. Using something like oil soap on wood can disrupt the trail, although this will be an ongoing battle as new scouts rediscover your breakfast stash.

There are many products available that have plant oils as active ingredients. The most common are products that use cedar or juniper oils, but there are many other plant oils in use. These oils not only disrupt scent trails, but they actively repel many insects including cockroaches, mites, silverfish, spiders and ants. The active deterrents mean you may not need to use these as often.

Insects, like the rest of us, are responsive to chemical cues from would-be mates. We've probably all been a bit confused by someone's perfume or cologne, possibly contributing to regrettable decisions. And we're a bit more intellectually sophisticated than cockroaches. A number of products use that confusion against insect pests, luring them into traps with pheromones usually secreted during mating. Look for glue traps that incorporate pheromones for household pests, but remember that these will be very specific. A trap designed for silverfish is not going to work on your ants or roaches.

Another strategy uses other hormones (not pheromones) to disrupt life cycles of specific pests. These insect growth regulators often prevent molting or other developmental processes in insects, preventing them from growing and reaching reproductive maturity. These are insect hormones, not poisons, and will not pose a risk to you, your toddler or even your dog, since shedding is not technically molting. Look for products containing Nylar, Precor, or Methoprene.

Good luck. We have to run now since the ants are making off with the good silver.

Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates. Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University; earthtones.metro@gmail.com.

Push your way to a greener lawn

MOWER The world's most advanced cylinder push lawn mower will make pollution-emitting power mowers a thing of the past and change lawn cutting from a chore to a pleasure when Canadians cut their grass.

That's the prospect offered by the Brill Razor Cut 33/38 mowers, made in Germany and distributed in Canada by Grun Canada.

Brill mowers are lightweight (9.9 kilograms) and feature a unique friction-free cylinder cutting mechanism that trims grass neatly and effortlessly. Because the mower's blades make no contact with their metal housing, they never need sharpening.

The new push mowers offer hope that the 10 per cent of air pollution caused by the types of small engines used in power mowers can soon be eliminated. Every summer weekend, according to Statistics Canada, about 2.7 million Canadians mow their lawns, using 40-million gallons of gasoline per year. This contributes significantly to several types of air-quality pollutants.

Brill mowers are available exclusively at Home Hardware across Canada or the mowers can be ordered online at mysmartgarden.ca.

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Pollution

- According to Statistics Canada, in just one season, the average gas-powered lawn mower emits the same amount of pollution as a car driven 500 kilometres.

U.S. to keep Bush polar bear plan

HABITAT The Obama administration said Friday it will keep a Bush-era rule that weakens protection for polar bears' icy habitat and plays down links between the threatened status of the species and climate change.

"Seeing the polar bear's habitat melting and an iconic species threatened is an environmental tragedy of the modern age," U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a telephone briefing.

Government scientists would continue to monitor the situation, he said. But that did not mollify environmental groups that opposed the rule.

Environmental groups decried the administration's decision.

"Failing to rescind this rule continues the Bush legacy of ignoring global warming science and blocking any meaningful action to protect the polar bear," Melanie Duchin of Greenpeace said.

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Jump in to solve puzzles of our oceans

Eco-Minded

MARINE MYSTERIES

The marbled murrelet is one of many ocean mysteries. No one knew where this secretive bird nested — until an unsuspecting tree climber stumbled on a chick in 1974. This murrelet nests on big tree limbs, not rocky coastlines like other seabirds. Strange.

The murrelet's current mystery, though, is why this endangered species is doing well in Alaska but poorly in B.C. Maybe your sleuthing can solve this mystery and many more. New websites provide clues.

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and World Wildlife Fund Canada just launched marinemysteries.ca. It's a flashy, love-the-oceans site, with a little save the oceans thrown in. It documents some of B.C.'s intriguing riddles — like the famous mystery of the missing feet — and invites sleuths like you to answer them.

"With climate change, ocean mysteries will deepen. ... With overfishing and pollution, it's a strange brew out there. Species are even disappearing."

This website takes you to an odd graveyard of shipwrecks off Vancouver Island. It shows you giant glass sponge reefs that scientists thought were extinct 30 million years ago (shocker to find them in B.C.). This site even tells of B.C. killer whales passing each other and squeaking different languages. B.C. has weird waters.

With climate change, ocean mysteries will deepen. Creatures are moving around, the sea is rising and becoming more acidic. With overfishing and pollution, it's a strange brew out there. Species are even disappearing.

If you like brain teasers, sleuth the seas. We need the best and the brightest minds to solve ocean mysteries in the years to come.

Whodunnit?

You tell us!

Helpful websites

- Check out the new Oceans component to Google Earth. It's free. Just download and click on Oceans in the gallery at earth.google.com.
- New site! B.C. marine conservation and stories: marinemysteries.ca. It's great for teens and adults (and teachers like me!).
- CPAWS and WWF Canada also launched an Oceans Book Club. Go to marinemysteries.ca/site/book_club.html.

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Ontario students pay more for their share: OCUFA

In its comparison of Ontario's tuition levels to peer jurisdictions in Canada and the U.S., the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations says students in the province are paying more than their "share," both in terms of tuition costs and proportion of total operating revenue. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Students flood Oz

Foreign student enrolment at Australian institutions has jumped to a record 20 per cent, despite expectations such enrolment would dip due to the global recession.

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Getting people on their feet

In her search for great dance music, Melleny Melody led Deadmau5 to a Juno

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"I want to do music that gets you up off your ass and is playful, happy music."
Melleny Melody

Melleny Melody has the voice of a Care Bear, the stage presence of a star and the business know-how it takes to run one of Canada's premier electronic and dance music labels.

Melody is the multi-talented performer, songwriter and founder of Play Records who is perhaps most identifiable as the person who discovered world-renowned DJ-producer Deadmau5 (pronounced "dead mouse").

She's also had a fascinatingly varied career performing as her alter-ego, Mellefresh, creating her own music and even working as a voice actor on the hit children's show The Care Bears — listen closely to Cheer Bear or Baby Tugs and you'll hear Melody's trademark bubbly timbre.

Most importantly though, Melody has successfully helmed her own music label to the top of an industry frequently led by men.

"There's very few women label owners in the music business. It's good for you if you can establish yourself and keep a presence," Melody said.

Melody launched Play Records in 1996 and has since expanded the label into a digital-only division (Play Digital) as well as the more mainstream-friendly sub-label YALP Records, with close to 30 individual artists and more than 250 wholly owned tracks in the entire Play roster. The label has also licensed music to hit television shows Queer as Folk and The L Word as well as commercial spots for Aveda, Kellogg's and 7-Up.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

A Care Bear and the head of Canada's premier electronic and dance record label, Melleny Melody has a busy, but successful, life.

Running the label has had its challenges but Melody says her love for music has made pushing through all the difficult times worth it, especially with Play's growing success.

"I've always put my own money into this — I probably owe myself a million dollars. You have to do this for the love. Longevity is going to tell the tale of whether you're worth it in the end," she said.

Melody first discovered Deadmau5 (real name Joel Zimmerman) in 2004 and convinced him to move from Niagara Falls, Ont., to Toronto where the pair started collaborating on tracks. Since then, Deadmau5's career has skyrocketed with the 28-year-old phenom having won a 2008 Juno for Best Dance Recording for All U Ever Want with Billie Newton-Davis while being nominated in the same year on the track After Hours with vocals performed and written by Melody.

Collaborating with artists is one of the best parts of her job, Melody says, and in the end all she wants to do is find great artists and create music that is worth listening to.

"I just want to do good dance music — I want to do music that gets you up off your ass and is playful, happy music. I want to keep on finding exciting new talent more than anything.

"My door is always open," Melody said.

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College grad competition to be fierce

EMPLOYMENT The class of 2009 will face the most competitive job market in years, as companies continue to proceed with caution amid economic uncertainty. Forty-three per cent of employers plan to hire recent college graduates in 2009, down from 56 per cent in 2008 and 79 per cent in 2007. This is according to CareerBuilder's Annual College Job Forecast.

The economic downturn is also having an impact on entry-level salaries. Among those employers planning to hire recent college graduates, more than one-in-five (21 per cent) said they will decrease starting salaries for recent college graduates in 2009 as compared to 2008. An additional 68 per cent of employers plan to keep initial salary offers the same as last year and 11 per cent will increase them.

Thirty-three per cent of employers plan to offer recent college graduates starting salaries ranging between $30,000 and $40,000. An additional 17 per cent will offer between $40,000 and $50,000 and 14 per cent will offer more than $50,000. Thirty-six per cent will offer less than $30,000.

"While recent college graduates are facing a highly competitive job market right now, there are still opportunities out there," said Brent Rasmussen, President of CareerBuilder North America. "The biggest challenge is showing relevant experience, which employers say is one of the most important factors they look for in applications from recent college graduates."

Employers reported that the following activities qualify as pertinent work experience for recent college graduates to include on their resumés:

- Internships;
- Part-time jobs in another area or field;
- Volunteer work;
- Involvement in school organizations;
- Class work;
- Involvement in managing activities;
- Participation in sports.

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New Kindle
Amazon recently introduced Kindle DX, a wide-format electronic-book reader. The company plans to work with universities on a project featuring Kindles loaded with textbooks. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Got an accent? Talk too fast? Call up Jay Miller

OddJobs

Jay Miller's early years were spent doing two things. Singing. Mainly in church choirs in the Mennonite community in Maryland where he grew up.

And helping people. He worked at a school for children with special needs and as an administrative assistant for a religious organization. He also worked as a carpenter, a builder and a baker.

Miller was in his early 30s — he's now 48 — when he did some career counselling and the idea of speech therapy came up. It blended his knowledge of the voice and his desire to give help others.

He took an undergraduate degree in speech language and hearing science at Temple University in Philadelphia. While his classmates went on to further study in therapeutic work, he realized he'd yet to find the perfect career. "It was clear to me my interest in voice was more artistic than clinical. I was interested in working with normal voices, not sick voices."

A professor suggested the master's program at York University in theatre, where he could get a diploma in voice teaching at the same time. So, Miller came to Canada, and found himself studying theatre. "The acting part was odd," he admits.

But Miller excelled at the voice work and went on to do contract teaching at York at Dalhousie University in Halifax. But it wasn't what he really wanted to do.

"I finally decided to get serious and started a private practice and focus my attention on business and professional clients. And the rest is history."

While Miller found teaching large classes exhausting, he's invigorated by his hour-long one-on-one sessions with clients. People come to him to get rid of accents (a big part of his early work in private practice), learn to speak more slowly, or make their voices lower, stronger, less raspy or less nasal.

Most clients come for between a month and three months, and begin with a month of Miller's basic voice and speech program. This involves not only speaking, but also stretching, moving and breathing — sometimes, Miller's sessions resemble yoga classes.

"We get the body open and engaged, and the voice can become open and engaged too."

While people often think he's analyzing their voices at parties or over dinner, he rarely does. But when he's working, he's excellent at observing details: Miller can tell if someone's not breathing properly by talking over the phone.

And while helping people speak better isn't the same as social work, Miller says it satisfies his desire to help others in their lives. "You can't uncover your whole voice without on some level discovering more of who you are."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Voice coach
Salary: $500 and up
Education/training: Some have extensive voice experience through singing, while others take formal speech and voice training in university.
Best Part of the Job: "Seeing people make discoveries about themselves."
Worst Part of the Job: "Clients who expect me to do the work for them."

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Van Halen signs up for Guitar Hero

Activision Blizzard is releasing three new music-based video games this year — DJ Hero, Guitar Hero 5 and Band Hero — and has confirmed that Guitar Hero: Van Halen is on tap. The Van Halen game will be released in the second half of the year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Moore music

Pop star Mandy Moore has confirmed that new album Amanda Leigh, which she describes in a press release as "a collection of reflections and insights about life and love," will be released on June 3. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Words lost in translation

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for Metro Canada

"The glory of being a writer," says Chuck Palahniuk, "is that when you mess up really badly, you're able to transform it into something that works out."

The Fight Club author is referring to a faux pas he made on German national radio a few years back: Eschewing the services of a translator, he accidentally conflated two German verbs and ended up offending an entire national listening audience.

"The publicist who was accompanying me was just furious," he recalls. "She told me that I had said 'I'm sorry I have gassed so many German people to death.' And that I had apparently said it several times."

The eponymous narrator of Pygmy is similarly lost in translation: The novel is told from the point of view (and the fractured syntax) of a thirteen-year old boy from an unnamed totalitarian state who has come to America as part of an elaborate terrorist plot. Pygmy's plan to explode his new home bumps up against his burgeoning affection for his new foster sister, a development that enables Palahniuk to deploy some slyly double-sided satire; for Pygmy, America may be a "hive of corruption" but it's also a space of great temptation.

"I wanted to make fun of people who are rah-rah super patriots and who think that the country can do no wrong, while also covering the people who think that America is the most evil entity on Earth, like the Devil Incarnate," says Palahniuk.

GETTY IMAGES

Fight Club author Chuck Palahniuk has a new book called Pygmy.

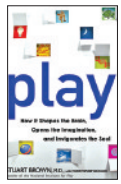
"Whether you're talking about George W. Bush or Michael Moore, there's an incredible self-obsession. You know: 'We're the best!' Or: 'We're the worst!' Either way, it's still all about us, right? Those extremes just irritate the hell out of me."

Palahniuk knows all about his extremes: He's been praised and condemned in the past for pushing the envelope with regards to content, and Pygmy is perhaps his most aggressive provocation yet, its sex and violence rendered somehow more visceral via its narrator's fractured syntax. Not that this was necessarily foremost on the author's mind: "My goal," explains Palahniuk, "was actually to make the 'ordinary stuff' special. Everybody knows what a Wal-Mart is or what a Mega Church is, so it was about reinventing them, so that we see them again, with Pygmy. And it also takes back a sense of confidence from the reader. They have to stay in the present moment, because they're always in an act of translation."

BookPicks

Play

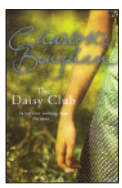
Author: Stuart Brown with Christopher Vaughan
Publisher: Penguin Canada
Price: $27.50 (Hardcover)



DR. STUART BROWN is passionate about play. He created the California-based National Institute for Play to prove it. And in his new book Play, he details the wide-reaching importance of taking time out for fun in daily life. Play, he writes, is called recreation because it actually does recreate us. Brown equates the need for play with that for food and sleep and explains the implications it has not just to our happiness but child development, education and business.

The Daisy Club

Author: Charlotte Bingham
Publisher: Bantam Press
Price: $34.95 (Hardcover)



IN THE AUTUMN of 1938, the rural English village Twistleton sits quiet, inhabited only by villagers that have maintained its rusticity for years. It's the only way of life Daisy and her friends have ever known. But others recall the ravages the First World War brought upon residents. When the onset of the Second World War touches down on Twistleton, the villagers are forever changed. Forced from their homes, the residents must take shelter in the Twistleton Hall. There, the people band together to battle the elements, a short food supply and further Nazi devastation while Daisy learns about life in wartime.

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	298	653	65 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Gossip Girl "Valley Girls" (N)		One Tree Hill (N) (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
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	411	457	49 OLN	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Departures "Antarctica"		Mantracker Steve and Jeff.		Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Departures
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The Line

In this new episode, Carlos (Cle Bennett) finds himself caught in a dangerous position between warring drug lords Eddie and Andre (Von Flores, Wes Williams). Sal (Conrad Pla) is on the receiving end of a risky proposition from Pam's (Tasha Lawrence) boyfriend. Hermie and Phillipe (Milton Barnes, Shawn Singleton) are ripped off. Ron White and Daniel Kash also star. 9 PM on CEN

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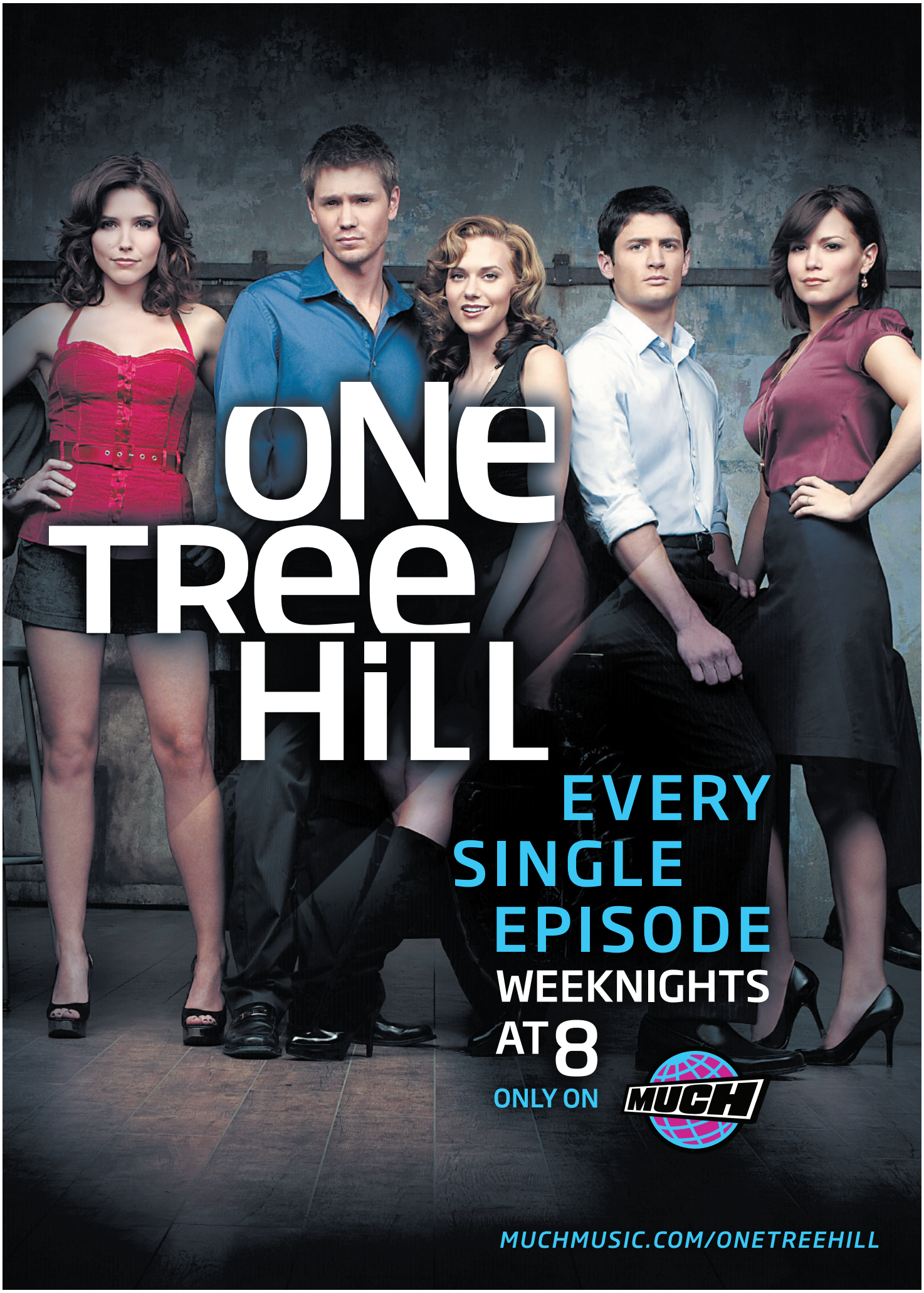
More innocent lives still hang in the balance as the countdown keeps running, and the impending threat stokes the already heated rivalry between Janis and Chloe (Janeane Garofalo, Mary Lynn Rajskub). Jack (Kiefer Sutherland) tries to handle the current situation, which now involves his imperiled daughter, Kim (guest star Elisha Cuthbert), in the new episode "Day 7: 5:00AM — 6:00AM.' 6 PM on STR, 9 PM on GTV FOX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While filming his faux-documentary Bruno, Sacha Baron Cohen tried to bleach all the hair on his body for his role as the gay Austrian fashionista, but ended up with an allergic reaction so severe "he couldn't sit down for three days," an insider shares. POPEATER.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Kate blames fame for woes

BLAME GAME Kate Gosselin of TLC's Jon & Kate Plus 8 said the focus on her current marital woes is "a result of our situation — our very public lives," usmagazine.com reports.

"Everyone wants to know everything about us," she said on Larry King. "And I feel like this is a situation where, you know, you can't believe everything that you read."

King also read a statement from Jon, who denies cheating on his wife — despite video, pictures and on-the-record interviews alleging otherwise. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," read the statement.

"As I adjust to the attention that comes from being in the public eye, I need to be more careful and aware of who I'm associating with and where I'm spending my time. The bottom line is I did not cheat on Kate. I'm sorry for putting my family in this awkward position, given some poor decisions and bad judgments I've made recently."

Asked by King what Jon meant by "bad judgment," Kate replied: "We are a family who didn't set out to live the celebrity lifestyle. We are living our lives like a normal family. Cameras come in and film us. And that, to the world — to the public, makes us celebrities."

"I am not a celebrity... ," she added. "I am a mom and a wife. And I feel that Jon is having difficult times realizing that you can't go to the grocery store without people whipping out their cellphones, calling everyone they know and taking pictures of you. He is dealing very poorly with it."

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Talk about a slow learner

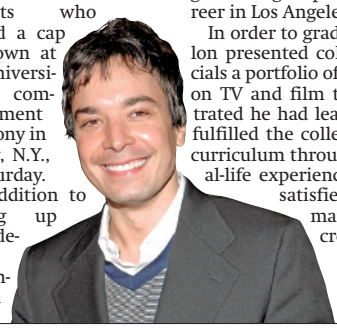
EDUCATION It's been 17 years in the making, but Jimmy Fallon finally received his bachelor's degree in communications from the College of Saint Rose, people.com reports.

The NBC Late Night host, 34, was one of 1,800 students who donned a cap and gown at the university's commencement ceremony in Albany, N.Y., on Saturday.

In addition to picking up his degree, the funnyman served as the keynote speaker and spoke to his fellow graduates.

The Saturday Night Live alum attended Saint Rose from 1992 through 1995 but decided to drop out just one semester short of graduating to pursue a career in Los Angeles.

In order to graduate, Fallon presented college officials a portfolio of his work on TV and film that illustrated he had learned and fulfilled the college's core curriculum through his real-life experience, which satisfied remaining credits.



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Oprah evacuates home amid fire?

SAFETY FIRST Oprah Winfrey is preparing to evacuate her Montecito, Calif., home as wildfires come within a few miles of her coastal ranch, a source tells usmagazine.com. The source tells Us that movers arrived at the talk show host's six-bedroom, $50 million US mansion to pack her belongings in case of an evacuation.

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Amy bombs her comeback

SAME OLD STORY Even Mother Nature couldn't handle Amy Winehouse's lacklustre comeback gig.

Heavy rains forced the trouble-ridden British singer to cut short a performance at the St. Lucia Jazz Festival on Friday, her first gig in 2009, eonline.com reports.

Her spokesman, Chris Goodman, said the singer and her band "tried to soldier on" despite the storm causing sound and lighting problems.

Fans, however, couldn't have been more pleased, according to the BBC. "What a wasted talent," said a male concertgoer. "She is on a one-way road to destruction; it's such a shame."

During the hour-long set, Winehouse forgot lyrics, appeared distracted and inadvertently flashed her underwear before walking off the stage.

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At one point, the 25-year-old chanteuse even told the audience, "Sorry, I'm bored."

"It was disappointing," said another fan. "It is very sad to see, but she is obviously not fit to be on stage."

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Jack's nose was broken: Rep

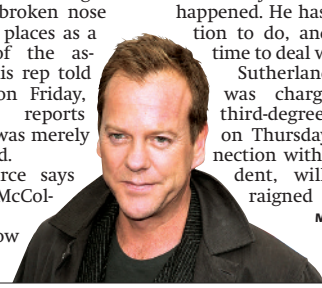
OUCH Fashion designer Jack McCollough, who was allegedly head-butted by Kiefer Sutherland last week, required surgery for his injuries, his rep said.

"Mr. McCollough suffered a broken nose in three places as a result of the assault," his rep told People on Friday, refuting reports that he was merely scratched.

A source says that McCollough, who's now sporting bandages on his nose, "had to have his nose reset. It's painful and it felt horrible."

The source adds that McCollough is "also pissed off and annoyed that this all happened. He has a collection to do, and has no time to deal with this."

Sutherland, who was charged with third-degree assault on Thursday in connection with the incident, will be arraigned June 22.



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Tobey's spooked by spiders

IRONY Actor Tobey Maguire is scared of spiders, according to femalefirst.co.uk. The Spider-Man star is so petrified of the eight-legged critters he can't bear to be in the same room as one.

A source said: "If he finds one in his house he throws a hissy fit." The actor's phobia has gotten so bad his wife Jennifer is begging him to get professional help.

In other news, the couple welcomed their second child, a boy, on Friday.

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Gaga stripped for her folks

FAMILY DYNAMICS Lady Gaga's parents once came to watch her strip, female first.co.uk reports. The singer took the job to make ends meet while waiting for her music career to take off.

The 23-year-old pop star recalled: "My parents came down to see me perform. I wasn't worried that they were watching me, I wanted them to see what I was doing. But my dad was shocked. He thought I was going crazy. He really thought I had lost it and he was so upset. That totally freaked me out. I didn't want to be a failure in his eyes."

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Jesus goes back to school?

MONEY'S NO OBJECT Madonna has been dating 22-year-old Brazilian model Jesus Luz for months, but she's finally had enough of his poor language skills, according to the Daily Star.

The pop star has decided to get professional help. "She's paying more than $1,000 US a week for him to learn English," a source says.

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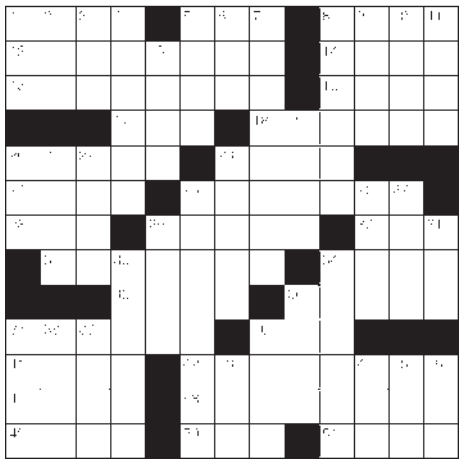

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 to 9 will appear once in each zone; a zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not put a digit in a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Annie Lennox's, "No More 'I Love —' "
5 Shade provider
8 Grate
12 Ordinate counterpart
14 "Do — others ..."
15 Labyrinth beast
16 Ollie's pal
17 Little, in Paris
18 Unisex top
20 PC peripheral
23 Folder contents
24 Angered
25 Stately dances
28 "— Miserables"
29 Pugilist
30 Discoverer's cry
32 Mosque tower
34 Culture medium
35 — and crafts
36 SALT subject
37 Elk
40 Crucial
41 Mideast airline
42 Member of the clergy
47 Skin opening
48 Eternally
49 Prepared to drive
50 Reuben bread
51 Impale

Crossword down

1 Sweet potato
2 Kyoto cummerbund
3 Sailors' org.
4 Evaluated by eyeing
5 Jacob's brother
6 Baton Rouge sch.
7 Strict disciplinarian
8 Potential frat member
9 Con
10 Celeb
11 Bridge, in Brest
13 Particular
19 Speak sloppily
20 Wire measure
21 Utah city
22 Lucy's partner
23 Repairs
25 Bergen's dummy Snerd
26 Takeout request
27 Phony
29 Homer's imp son
31 Sphere
33 Caught redhanded
34 Bottomless pits
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37 Sobbed
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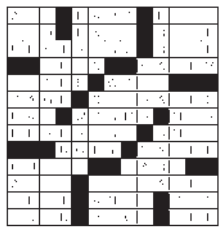
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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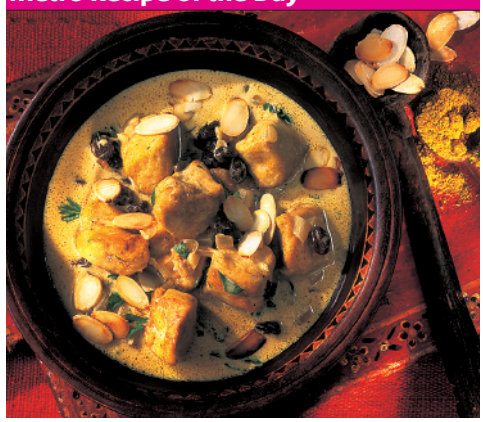

Curried Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/3 cups (325 ml) chicken or vegetable stock
1 medium onion
2 cloves garlic
3 tbsp (45 ml) canola oil
3 tbsp (45 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tbsp (25 ml) mild curry powder
1 1/2 lb (680 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Small handful of cilantro
2 tbsp (25 ml) seedless raisins
3 tbsp (45 ml) (25g) flaked almonds
1/2 lemon
2 tbsp (25 ml) natural yogurt
2 tbsp (25 ml) heavy cream
Salt and black pepper

METHOD:

1. Put stock on to boil. Peel and chop onion and garlic; fry gently in oil in large frying pan until soft, 5 minutes.
2. Mix flour and curry powder in large bowl, then cut chicken into 1-in. (2.5-cm) cubes and toss in mixture until evenly coated. Add chicken and flour mixture to pan and fry, stirring, 3 minutes.
3. Rinse, dry and chop enough cilantro to give 1 tbsp (15 ml) and reserve some to garnish. Add rest to chicken with raisins and hot stock. Bring to boil, stirring, then reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes.
4. Toast almonds in dry frying pan. Squeeze juice from lemon and set aside.
5. When chicken is cooked, remove pan from heat and stir in almonds, lemon juice, yogourt, cream, and salt and pepper to taste. Reheat gently, without boiling. Garnish with reserved cilantro and serve with rice.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Tie up as many loose ends as you can today. There may be a thousand and one other things you'd rather do but your impatience could get you into trouble, so temper your enthusiasm and realize some things just have to be done, and done now.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You'll feel pressure beginning to mount on the work front today. Employers and others in positions of power will make demands you're not sure you'll be able to meet. Don't worry. If you stay calm and keep your mind free of fear you'll cope.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't get lost in details today because it is the bigger picture you should be looking at. A lot of things have been hidden from you in recent months but before May is over they will start to reveal themselves — and make perfect sense.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The most important thing in life at the moment is to know what it is that you want, and if you don't know then it is about time you made an effort to find out. Without a clear vision in your mind's eye you are on a loser from the start.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
The more others say they are acting in your best interests the more you can be sure they are acting in their own. Only you know what it is you most desire and only you can make it happen, so thank them for their offers and act for yourself.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you feel a bit under the weather as the new week begins, take it as a warning that you've been doing too much. You may have big plans but you have limits too and you'd be wise to acknowledge them and not push yourself too hard.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You seem to be taking great strides at the moment and long may it continue. But while the Sun stays in the most sensitive area of your chart your self-image is probably a bit fragile, so don't expect too much of yourself. Your best is yet to come.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have been carrying an unusually heavy load of late and you really do need to get others to share the load. You are not alone. There are no end of people in your life who would happily help you — if you were to ask them. So ask.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
This may not be one of the better times of the year for you but that doesn't mean you can't have fun. A lot depends on how you appear to other people, so get that gloom and doom look off your face and try smiling — it's not so hard.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You must not give in to negative emotions today. The moment you start thinking of yourself as some kind of victim is the moment you become one — and you're not. Your life is full of good things and good people, so get a grip.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Why do you spend so much time and effort trying to make other people feel good but so little time and effort trying to make yourself feel good? Whatever the reason, it has to stop. Reverse the trend over the next 24 hours. It's you who matters.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Impulse buying is not a good idea at the best of times but with Venus and Mars transiting the money area of your chart you have to splash out. To a certain extent that's OK, but don't spend everything you've got just to impress other people.

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